

Mines and Mining Stocks

PROSPECTORS WANT TO GET IN

Impatiently Awaiting Opening of Walker Indian Reservation in Nevada.

COUNTRY RICH IN MINERAL

BIG MINES NOW BEING OPENED NEAR RESERVE.

The opening of the Walker River Indian reservation in Lyon and Esmeralda counties, Nevada, for mineral entry will probably occur some time during the coming fall. Judging from the interest that is being taken all through the west this event will doubtless be the signal for one of the biggest stampedes of prospectors in the history of western mining, as sufficient is known of one region's resources to say that ledges rich in copper and gold, silver and lead, abound there. Efforts have been made at various times for many years past to work pay veins discovered

reached and the change shows a magnificent character of sulphides. This ore zone is some 300 feet in width and is destined to become, in the judgment of Captain Tibbitts, one of the great copper producers of the country.

The Bluestone has a developed ore body 300 feet wide, 600 feet deep and 700 feet long, and a milling plant using electric devices to effect a separation of the metals from the gangue, a plant similar to that now in operation in this city, is in successful operation at the property and turning out a high-grade concentrate.

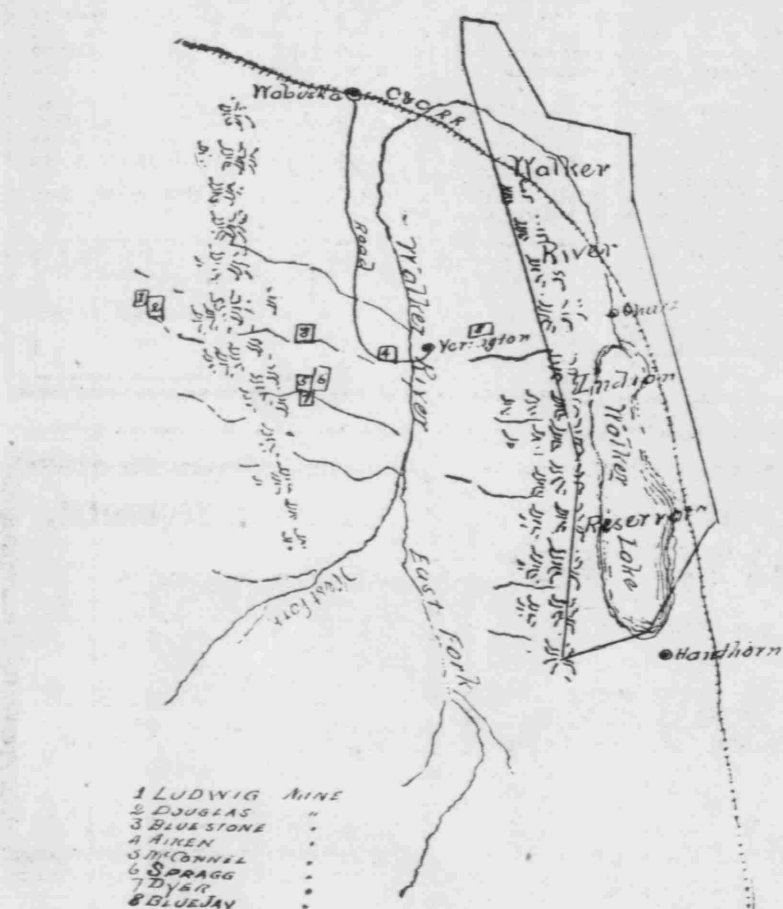
The Dyer and Spragg properties both contain large bodies of sulphide ore, varying in thickness from twelve to over 100 feet. These ores are, of course, low-grade, but the tonnage promised is enormous, while the total metal values range from \$10 to \$18 per ton.

The country abounds in the finest of iron and lime for fluxing purposes, while the two forks of the Walker river offer ample opportunities for the generation of power, which can and will be electrically transmitted.

This region, like the east copper belt at Ely, calls for local plants, where the low-grade ore can be economically handled. This condition can only be brought about by a combination of capital strong enough to exploit the mines and equip them with suitable plants for the reduction of the ores. Capital is seeking investment where a fair percentage of profit can be assured for a long term of years, and it will not be long till the Mason district is commanding attention at their hands.

Many discoveries are now being made and work is being pushed upon gold and silver properties to the west of and along reservation boundary line and, while none of the values obtained are

MASON MINING DIST., NEVADA



Mason Mining District and Walker Indian Reservation.

within the boundaries of the reservation, but the government officials in charge have just as often compelled the operators to cease and keep out of the "land of promise." That the metals exist in paying quantities has been repeatedly proven and hundreds of men who, by some pretense or another, have been able to satisfy themselves on that point, are now impatiently awaiting the day when Uncle Sam is at liberty to issue the invitation to enter. The task of making allotments to the Indians is now under way, and when that is finished, it is expected that a proclamation providing for the opening of the reserve will be issued.

Country and Its Resources.

For the hurriedly drawn sketch of the reservation and much of the data concerning the contiguous country, The Herald is indebted to Captain O. A. Tibbitts, the well known mining engineer, who has spent much of the past year and a half in that country. The reservation, as shown, skirts the valley through which flows the Walker river (the Mason valley) on the east. It is approximately sixty miles long and about fifteen miles wide. The Walker lake, practically all of which is within the reservation boundaries, is about thirty miles long and from six to eight miles wide. West from the middle of the reservation, in the Mason valley, is the town of Yerington, and west from Yerington in the range of hills on that side of the valley, is the Mason mining district. Yerington is about twelve miles south of Wabuska, on the Colorado & Carson railroad and, owing to the swarm of prospectors that are flocking in to await the reservation's opening, the place has suddenly become a booming mining camp. The Mason district is being thoroughly gone over by these prospectors and, as a result, many important discoveries are now being made there. The chief properties now being opened in the district and in which the value of the ores runs principally in copper, consist of the following:

The Ludwig group, owned and operated by Jerome Sommers and others of San Francisco.

The Douglas group, owned and operated by Henry E. Miller and others of San Francisco.

The Bluestone group, owned, it is understood, by Captain J. R. De Lamar and operated by M. J. Heller.

The Aiken group, owned and operated by Aiken & Sommers.

The McConnell group, operated under the management of E. W. Clark of Ophir, and owned, it is understood, by Senator W. A. Clark.

The Spragg and Dyer group, operated by the Mason Valley Copper company of Salt Lake.

The Blue Jay group, owned by Charles Holland and others, and the Taubert property, owned by Otto Taubert and son.

Production and Development.

All of these properties have records of having produced very high-grade carbonate ores, but the chief values will be found in the immense bodies of low-grade copper sulphides, which are only recently becoming appreciated and developed. In the workings of the Ludwig property water level has been

startling, they are good, and some very meritorious properties are showing up. As a matter of fact, the entire region is one worthy of careful investigation, and Captain Tibbitts considers that its future is assured.

IS MAKING A MINE.

Improvement in Conditions at May Day Are Pronounced.

Now that he has been able to make arrangements for teams with which to do the hauling Manager J. E. Darmer, of the May Day properties, states that ore will be coming to market with greater frequency than for a long time past. Conditions in the mine are improving all the time and, during the weeks that it has been next to impossible to get hauling done considerable ore has accumulated. The opening of the 300, 400 and 500-foot levels below the tunnel since last August, when Mr. Darmer urged upon the directors and shareholders the necessity of providing better equipment in order that the shaft might be sunk and the new work, he frankly admits, has not been without results. Between the 300 and 400 foot levels and on the 300, operations of the last two months or so have been particularly encouraging and, had it been possible to get hauling done, the exhibit would likely have been better than it is today.

While the work of development has been in progress the management has been careful not to talk of "strikes" that might have proven misleading and turned out to amount to nothing. As improvement has been shown he has so advised everybody who sought information from him, even careful not to overstate the fact. That his judgment of what ought to be done in the mine is now beginning to get its verification in results he is expert in being able to make a report at the approaching annual meeting the company that will be as gratifying to the stockholders as will be to him to make it. That meeting is only a couple of weeks away and at that time every piece of work done in the mine and the results accomplished by it, will be explained in detail in the manager's report. If the mine responds between now and then as well as it has been doing for the past six weeks, that report will contain some pretty good news.

NEW LEACHING PLANT.

Waterbury Process About Ready for Try-Out at Cactus.

G. H. Waterbury, who is constructing a plant at the Cactus property for the purpose of demonstrating his new leaching process, as it applies to the recovery of values from carbonate and oxide copper ores, came up from camp yesterday. He was in conference with Mr. Newhouse during the day, and the expectation is that he will be ready to begin the treatment of ore with a few days. Mr. Newhouse is interested with Mr. Waterbury in his patented method, and should the demonstrations that are to be made in the new plant, which is one of commercial capacity, prove up anything like what the inventor has been able to do in a small way, there is likely to be a revolution in the methods of treating copper ore.

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EXCITEMENT AT OSCEOLA CAMP

Mother Lode Reported Found Near Nevada's Most Famous Placer Mining District.

BIG STAMPEDE IS NOW ON

KING CON. AND MAY DAY CONDITIONS ARE GOOD.

Osceola, Nev., is all excitement over a discovery that has just been made four miles northeast of the town by Thomas Watkins. Prospector Watkins has a district has been organized, a townsite platted and a genuine Nevada boom started. This information comes from James H. Marriott, who represents the interests of Ben Hampton of this city in the old bonanza camp and its correctness is therefore apparent.

The Watkins discovery is believed to have been made on the "mother lode" of the district, something that has been diligently sought for no less than thirty years. The few assays that have been made so far, indicate average values of \$100 per ton. The mineral-bearing zone is quite wide and can be traced for more than one and one-half miles. The new district is called Black Horse, and the expectation is that the location will be covering the ground clear through to Osceola within a few days.

In the face of a heavy rainstorm old timers of Osceola had some to the point of discovery and were camped on the ground when Mr. Marriott's letter was mailed, early in the week. To add to the boom that the latest discovery is beginning to create, are the arrivals over the stage line from Newhouse, Beaver county, headed by Ely. The first passengers to arrive after the find was reported, stopped off to investigate it and that many others will do the same thing is considered certain.

Osceola has the reputation of being the richest placer gold camp ever discovered in the United States. Benjamin Hampton of this city, with others, got in with the first rush in 1887, thirty years ago, and began to prospect. The following year they got down to work and the Osceola Placer company were not long in cleaning up \$100,000 or more. Nuggets from the size of a man's fist up to chunk weighing as high as \$12,000 were washed out and the wildest kind of excitement prevailed. Then water sources, owing to continuous drouth, began to dry up and the ditches run for supplying sluices with water were no longer available and the camp went down.

Hampton and associates then began the search for the lode from which it was supposed all the placer gold came from and \$500,000 or more was spent in this character of work, which included the sinking of numerous deep shafts.

The past season or two, and particularly the winter now drawing to a close, with the greatest storms and heavier precipitation than has been known in this region for many years, is replenishing the exhausted reservoirs of the camps of the arid belt of southern Nevada, and the prospects for great sluicing operations are good. Should expectations in this respect be realized, the placers of Osceola will again be heard from, for the travels there are richer and deeper than in probably any other camp on the continent.

SILVER KING CONSOLIDATED.

Shaft Nearing 1,100-Foot Level, Where Explorations Begin.

Reports from the Silver King Consolidated, at Park City, continue to be of a most encouraging nature. The shaft is now being made in sinking the great double compartment and man-way shaft, and Superintendent J. H. Keetley states that the 1,100-foot level will be reached and drifting will have been commenced by the first of the coming month. "We have a better showing in the bottom of the shaft today than we ever had," said Mr. Keetley yesterday. "The quartz is more highly mineralized and the lime is literally filled with oxide of iron. The ground is of a most favorable texture for the mine, and every day's work makes it more apparent that we are on the right track. We have decided to begin explorations at the 1,100-foot level, and as we are now nearing that mark, it will not be many days till we commence reaching out for the ore."

Little Bell Election.

Following the stockholders' meeting of the Little Bell Mining company, which was held in Cheyenne, Wyo., on the 12th of the month, the directors met yesterday and organized by electing Solon Spiro president; Sidney M. Bamberger, vice president; Herman Bamberger, treasurer, and Joshua B. Bean, secretary. At the stockholders' meeting Solon Spiro, Sidney M. Bamberger and Herman Bamberger were elected as trustees.

Ore and Bullion.

Ore and bullion settlements in this city during the past week, as reported by McCormick & Co., amounted to \$48,590, yesterday's proportion of the total being \$106,000, as follows: Silver, lead, gold and copper ore, \$37,000; base bullion, \$22,000; gold bars, \$47,000.

Utah Stocks in Boston.

James A. Pollock & Co., bankers and brokers, yesterday received over their private wire from Boston, Feb. 18, one of their Boston correspondents, the record of sales of Utah stocks on the Boston market, with range and closing quotations:

Boston, March 17.—The entire market continued intensely dull today. The money market remains unchanged, and unless we get a break in the market we shall probably see the present dullness keep up for some time longer. Quotations:

	Sales	Op.	High	Low	Close
Amalg.	2,115	\$107 1/2	\$107 3/4	\$107 1/2	\$107 1/2
Boston Cons.	2,430	24 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2
Con. Merc.	1,000	96	96 1/2	96	96 1/2
Bingham	340	38 1/2	39	38 1/2	39
Daily West	22	14 1/2	14 3/4	14 1/2	14 3/4
Utah Con.	100	16 1/2	16 3/4	16 1/2	16 3/4
U. S. S. com.	2,777	56 1/2	57 1/4	56 1/2	57 1/4
Do. pref.	941	46	46 1/2	46	46 1/2
Allouez	100	38	38 1/2	38	38 1/2
North Butte	613	81	81 1/2	81	81 1/2
Centennial	100	45	45 1/2	45	45 1/2
Old Dominion	100	45	45 1/2	45	45 1/2
Cop. Range	5	79 1/2	79 3/4	79 1/2	79 3/4
Nevada Con.	450	19 1/2	19 3/4	19 1/2	19 3/4
Tenn. Copper	100	19 1/2	19 3/4	19 1/2	19 3/4
In New York	2,100	67 1/2	67 3/4	67 1/2	67 3/4
United Cop.	2,000	19 1/2	19 3/4	19 1/2	19 3/4
Nevada Con.	2,000	19 1/2	19 3/4	19 1/2	19 3/4
Greene Con.	800	23	23 1/2	23	23 1/2

MINING STOCK EXCHANGE.

Week's Trading Good, Though Market Was Erratic.

The week's business on the mining exchange resulted in the sale of 251,919 shares of stock for \$128,709.60, yesterday's proportion of the total being \$3,210 shares and \$17,065.88. The market has been rather erratic at times, activity and strength,

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Stray Dog Manhattan Mining Company.

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Property Situated in Manhattan, Nye County, Nevada

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Five Leases have been Let on Property and all are in shipping ore.

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Upwards of \$15,000 have already been netted from shipments of "high-grade."

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THE STRAY DOG is bordered by the Union No. 9 claim of the Manhattan Dexter Mining Company and by the Jumping Jack, Crescent and Riley Fraction, all of which are shippers of high grade ore.

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STOCK OFFERING.

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